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Subject: Microsoft Settlement

I am an American citizen and a former Marine from the state of Washington (currently residing in British Columbia, Canada) and I oppose the settlement reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice in the current federal anti-trust case presented against Microsoft. Microsoft is not accused of the vast majority of illegal actions that company has committed, they are not punished for the few illegal actions that they admit to performing, they promise to only cease those illegal actions that are no longer profitable for them, there are no mechanisms in the settlement to enforce Microsofts' compliance should they decide to once again perform the aforementioned currently unprofitable illegal actions and the wording of the settlement gives Microsoft free reign to commit further anti-competitive actions against their business rivals. Given the fact that Microsoft has violated the previous consent decree they entered in 1994 there should be no reason for the US Department of Justice to believe that Microsoft will abide by a settlement that can be interpreted as not pertaining to Microsoft at all and has no enforcement mechanisms even if it is applied to Microsofts' actions.

I am grateful for the Tunney Act which allows me to make my opinion known in regards to this settlement the DOJ is attempting to inflict upon both the American people and the world. I am opposed.

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